

WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

HEALTH OFFICE

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School year 2011-2012

Dear Parent/Guardian of _____

Our health records indicate your child has an illness/condition that requires administration of medications during the school day. Therefore, the school policy dictates that you need to provide us with new and updated medical forms, filled out by your physician and guardians, at the beginning of each school year. **Please take note that all meds, including over the counter meds, require these forms be filled out each school year.**

MEDICAL ILLNESS/CONDITION: Please have your physician complete and sign the attached forms. Be sure to complete Step 2: Emergency Calls. We must have accurate phone numbers of those persons to be contacted in an emergency. It is imperative that these forms and meds be returned to the Nurses' Office as soon as possible.

DAILY OR AS NEEDED MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION: Please bring the medication in its original container, labeled with your child's name, physician name and phone number. Please bring all completed medical forms and the medications to the Nurses' Office as soon as possible.

SELF-ADMINISTRATION MEDICATION: If your child is allowed to self-administer emergency medication (i.e. Epipens, inhalers, etc) the medication must be labeled with your child's name, name of medication, strength, dose, frequency, physician name with phone number and emergency contact phone numbers. If you would like to keep back up medications in our office, please bring properly labeled med containers and completed forms, including *Parental Permission and Waiver form and the Physician Authorization for Self-Administration of Medication form.*

The school nurses **cannot** administer any medication, or allow a student to carry medication without written authorization from you, the parent/guardian **and** the student's physician.

If at any time the information you have provided changes, including medication changes or discontinuation, you need to contact us immediately, and provide an MD note for those changes.

By the end of the school year, any medications you may have in our health office need to be picked up by you. If the medications are not taken home, they will be discarded.

Thanking you for your cooperation and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact us with any further questions.

Sincerely,

DENISE MAKRI-WERZEN AND SONIA KELLEHER- W.O.H.S. NURSES

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEST ORANGE, N.J. 07052

Department of Student Support Services

Health Services

SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please be advised that the West Orange Board of Education has adopted a policy providing for student self-medication. The policy sets forth specific conditions under which a student may be permitted to carry and to use, in an emergency, medication.

You must provide the school nurse with written authorization for the self-administration of medication.

You must provide the school nurse with written certification from the physician of the pupil that the pupil has asthma or other potentially life-threatening illness and is capable of, and has been instructed in, the proper method of self-administration of medication.

You must sign the attached waiver which informs parents or guardians of the pupil that the district and its employees or agents shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration of medications by the pupil.

All documentation must be given to the school nurse before the student may be permitted to carry and use emergency medication.

Please return the attached waiver and the medical authorization form to me within fourteen days of the receipt of this letter.

School Nurse

Date

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Department of Student Support Services
West Orange, NJ 07052

PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR
SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

Student _____ DOB _____ Age _____ Grade _____

I, the parent of _____ give permission for my child to self-
(student's name)
medicate for asthma or other potentially life-threatening illness for the school year.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent's/Guardian's Signature

MEDICATION WAIVER

Student _____ DOB _____ Age _____ Grade _____

This acknowledges that the district shall incur no liability as a result of any injury arising from the self-administration of medication by my child and that I shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees or agents against any claims arising out of the self-administration of medication.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent's/Guardian's Signature

The Asthma Treatment Plan

This asthma action plan meets NJ Law N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.8 (Physician's Orders)

The Pediatric/Adult Asthma Coalition of New Jersey

Your Pathway to Asthma Control
Original PACNJ approved Plan available at www.pacnj.org

Sponsored by AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION of New Jersey



(Please Print)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Effective Date _____

Doctor _____ Parent/Guardian (if applicable) _____ Emergency Contact _____

Phone _____ Phone _____ Phone _____

HEALTHY



You have **all** of these:

- Breathing is good
- No cough or wheeze
- Sleep through the night
- Can work, exercise, and play

Take daily medicine(s). All metered dose inhalers (MDI) to be used with spacers.

MEDICINE	HOW MUCH to take and HOW OFTEN to take it
<input type="checkbox"/> Advair® 100, 250, 500	1 inhalation twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Advair® HFA 45, 115, 230	2 puffs MDI twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Asmanex® Twisthaler® 110, 220	1 - 2 inhalations a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Flovent® 44, 110, 220	2 inhalations twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Flovent® Diskus® 50 mcg	1 inhalation twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Pulmicort Flexhaler® 90, 180	1 - 2 inhalations once or twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Pulmicort Respules® 0.25, 0.5, 1.0	1 unit nebulized once or twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Qvar® 40, 80	2 inhalations twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Singulair 4, 5, 10 mg	1 tablet daily
<input type="checkbox"/> Symbicort® 80, 160	2 puffs MDI twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

Trigger

Check all items that trigger patient's asthma:

- Chalk dust
- Cigarette Smoke & second hand smoke
- Colds/Flu
- Dust mites, dust, stuffed animals, carpet
- Exercise
- Mold
- Ozone (air day)
- Pests - rodents, cockroaches
- Pets - animal dander
- Plants, flowers, cut grass, pollen
- Strong odors, perfumes, cleaning products, scented products
- Sudden temperature change
- Wood Smoke
- Foods:

Remember to rinse your mouth after taking inhaled medicine.

If exercise triggers your asthma, take this medicine _____ minutes before exercise.

CAUTION



You have **any** of these:

- Exposure to known trigger
- Cough
- Mild wheeze
- Tight chest
- Coughing at night
- Other: _____

Continue daily medicine(s) and add fast-acting medicine(s).

MEDICINE	HOW MUCH to take and HOW OFTEN to take it
<input type="checkbox"/> Accuneb® 0.63, 1.25 mg	1 unit nebulized every 4 hours as needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Albuterol 1.25, 2.5 mg	1 unit nebulized every 4 hours as needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Albuterol <input type="checkbox"/> Pro-Air <input type="checkbox"/> Proventil®	2 puffs MDI every 4 hours as needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Ventolin® <input type="checkbox"/> Maxair <input type="checkbox"/> Xopenex®	2 puffs MDI every 4 hours as needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Xopenex® 0.31, 0.63, 1.25 mg	1 unit nebulized every 4 hours as needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase the dose of, or add:	

➡ If fast-acting medicine is needed more than 2 times a week, except before exercise, then call your doctor.

EMERGENCY



Your asthma is getting worse fast:

- Fast-acting medicine did not help within 15-20 minutes
- Breathing is hard and fast
- Nose opens wide
- Ribs show
- Trouble walking and talking
- Lips blue • Fingernails blue

Take these medicines NOW and call 911. Asthma can be a life-threatening illness. Do not wait!

- Accuneb® 0.63, 1.25 mg 1 unit nebulized every 20 minutes
- Albuterol 1.25, 2.5 mg 1 unit nebulized every 20 minutes
- Albuterol Pro-Air Proventil® 2 puffs MDI every 20 minutes
- Ventolin® Maxair Xopenex® 2 puffs MDI every 20 minutes
- Xopenex® 0.31, 0.63, 1.25 mg 1 unit nebulized every 20 minutes
- Other

Other

This asthma treatment plan is meant to assist and not replace the clinical decisions making required to meet individual patient needs.

FOR MINORS ONLY:

- This student is capable and has been instructed in the proper method of self-administering of the inhaled medications named above in accordance with NJ Law
- This student is **not** approved to self-medicate.

PHYSICIAN/APN/PA SIGNATURE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

PHYSICIAN STAMP _____

DATE _____

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Department of Student Support Services
West Orange, NJ 07052

To: Physicians & Parents

We are writing to ask for your cooperation as we attempt to best serve the children in our schools regarding the administration of medication during school hours.

The West Orange Public Schools' policy regarding the administration of medication during the school hours is as follows:

- 1) Parents & treating physicians are responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of a student's illness. The administration of prescribed medication to students during school hours will be permitted when failure to take such medicine would jeopardize the health of the student, or the student would not be able to attend school if the medicine was not available during school hours.
- 2) Pupils requiring medication at school must have a written statement from the family's physician that identifies the type, dosage, time schedule, purpose of the medication and possible side effects.
- 3) A written statement from the parent or guardian of the pupil giving permission for the school nurse to give the medication prescribed by the family physician is required.
- 4) Any medication to be administered during school hours must be kept in the health office.

Sincerely,

School Nurse

PARENT'S REQUEST FOR ADMINISTERING MEDICATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Student _____ DOB _____ Grade _____ School _____

I, the parent of _____, request the school nurse administer the medication
(student's name)

prescribed by _____ for the period from
(Physician's Name)

_____ to _____
(Date) (Date)

The medication is to be furnished by me and is to be pharmacy-labeled with the name of the medicine, the amount to be given, time of day to be taken, and the expected duration of treatment. The physician's name must also be on the label. The school nurse has my permission to contact Dr. _____
at _____ to the administration and effect of the medication.
(Telephone #)

(Parent's signature)

(Date)

PHYSICIAN'S REQUEST FOR GIVING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Date _____

Student's Name _____ DOB _____

To: _____ School Nurse at _____ School

Rx _____

Dosage _____

Time/special circumstances of administration _____

Period of Time _____

Purpose of Medication _____

Possible side effects _____

Physician's Name _____ Date _____

Physician Signature _____